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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please insert the following new claims:

57. A method for detecting a specific given material that may be present in an ensemble of objects in which different materials may overlie or underlie the given material, comprising exposing regions of the ensemble to x-ray radiation,

for each region, detecting the transmitted energy and processing the resulting detected signal to determine the value of a property of an unknown target material present in said region of the ensemble in a manner by which said determination is not significantly influenced by material underlying or overlying said target material,

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